

Group Memory  
CAC Meeting – March 18, 2003  
Hopland Bypass.

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**Next Meeting dates**

Tuesday, March 18 at Field Station. 6:00 - 8:00  
May 1, 2003

**Desired outcome for March meeting:**

**Route history and maps: Walk through the routes chosen. Pro's and Cons per alternative.**

**Desired outcome for May 1 meeting:**

**Review the list of comments for the route alternatives**

**Identify things we want to avoid. Refine the list, prioritize the CAC VA list.**

**Decide how we want to be represented.**

**Bin List & Great Ideas**

1. What about things we should avoid? Not just what we want, but what we specifically don't want? (Dick S, Feb 5, 2003)
2. On-going status of the project. Finances. (Todd; Feb 5, 2003)
- 3.

**Group Decisions**

*All decisions made will be double underlined in the body of the notes below.*

1. (Date)

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**Upshot**

These are the assignments made at the meeting. As new ones are added they will be appended to the list. As assignments are completed they will be lined out with a ~~strike through~~, but left on the list. This will provide a running record of assignments made at these meetings.

Ref. #	Who	What	When
<del>1</del>	<del>Alan</del>	<del>Get an alignment history for the group. Provide a copy of this to the VA Team Facilitator as well.</del>	<del>02/24/03</del>
<del>2</del>	<del>Alan</del>	<del>Get the notes out to the group.</del>	<del>02/07/03</del>
<del>3</del>	<del>Group</del>	<del>Take the list back to the community; get input for the next</del>	<del>03/18/03</del>

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From March 18, 2003

4	Praj	Provide copies of the PowerPoint presentation that has the walk throughs – put this on the internet.	4/2/03
5	Praj	Provide 50 copies of 11X17 of the five route alternative maps. Get them to the Construction Office.	03/28/03
6	Alan	Put the big maps up in the Construction Field Office in Hopland.	3/19/03
7	Alan	Bring a set of maps to the meetings. The BIG ones.	On going
8	Praj	Provide Big maps of the North Hopland concepts.	4/09/03
9	Alan	E mail these notes to the committee	03/21/03

**Critique from Feb meeting:**

What went well	What Needs Improvement
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Good meeting</li> <li>2. Got to meet everyone.</li> <li>3. List of ideas/concerns.</li> <li>4. Variety of input</li> <li>5. Loud Facilitator.</li> <li>6. Participation from the group.</li> <li>7. Printing on the spot.</li> <li>8.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Donuts, coffee. Dinner.</li> <li>2. Table is not big enough.</li> </ol>

**Critique from March meeting:**

What went well	What Needs Improvement
<p>Viewing the alternatives</p> <p>Started to hear good/bad opinions for the alternatives. Good to hear it.</p> <p>Started on time</p> <p>Lots of attendees.</p> <p>CT got a lot of good information.</p>	<p>Three members are not here.</p>

1. Ground Rules
  1. 1. Start and end on time.
  1. 2. One conversation at a time.
  1. 3. Cell phones set to stun.
  1. 4. Be courteous.
  1. 5. No smoking.
2. Opening comments: **purpose of meeting**
  2. 1. **Route history and maps: Walk through the routes chosen.**
  2. 2. **Refine “the list,” (the CAC / VA list) Prioritize the CAC VA list.**
  2. 3. **Determine how we will make the presentation to the VA team.**
  2. 4. **There will be lots of opportunities to provide your input to the project. Public hearing is in October 2005. Alternative selection happens in 2006.**
  2. 5. Funding right now is through Nov. 2006; Funding for construction would be programmed after 2006 – Funding approval would be official in April 2007.
  2. 6.
3. Decision making process:
  3. 1. Consensus if possible..
  3. 2. This is not a technical decision making group.

Discussion of alternatives:

4. General comments from Praj White:
  4. 1. Praj provided two handouts: “Hopland Bypass Freeway Alternative Comparison” and Alignment History Data Sheet.
  4. 2. We will go through Value analysis study, public hearings, environmental reviews which will provide the basis for ultimate alternative selection.
5. General comment from the group:
  5. 1. We feel we need three interchanges.
6. E1:
  6. 1. Most but not all do not like this.
  6. 2. This alignment is a baseline – it provides access to 175, avoids the floodplane –
  6. 3. Regulatory agencies do not like this due to impacts.
  6. 4. This destroys the Valley Oaks community, the whole valley.
  6. 5. Goes through Native American Sites.

7. VE2: Comments from the Group
  7. 1. This would increase traffic on East Side Road;
  7. 2. Poor access into Hopland.
  7. 3. Could be effective if there was an interchange at 175.
  7. 4. Look at raising 175.
  7. 5. Goes through Native American Sites.
8. VW2: Comments from the group
  8. 1. Look at relocating the sewer plant
  8. 2. Look at raising 175. Flooding at 175 would be just as bad as on the west side.
  8. 3. Add an interchange at 175.
9. VE3: Comments from the group
  9. 1. Look at raising 175.
  9. 2. This is the only one that does not go through many Native American sacred sites –
  9. 3. This would eliminate access to properties off of East Side Road.
  9. 4. Could we add an interchange at the south? (A third interchange.)
  9. 5. This would narrow the flood plane next to East Side Road.
  9. 6. This is the only one that shows an interchange with 175.
  9. 7. Would isolate everything at the south end.
10. VW2
  10. 1. Consider flying over the sewage treatment plant
  10. 2. Relocate the sewer plant
  10. 3. Raise 175.
  10. 4. Interchange with Hwy 175.
  10. 5. This would disturb sacred sites.
  10. 6. Noise is an issue.
11. VW3
  11. 1. takes out a lot of homes, isolates
  11. 2. Disturbs sacred sites.
  11. 3. Noise impact is probably high.
  11. 4. Disturbs many homes and farms and businesses.
  11. 5. Clumsy access in the south.
  11. 6. Is close to town – this is positive from some viewpoints. Many businesses in town like this, many do not. Group is split on this.
  11. 7. Ruins small community aesthetics

12. North Hopland Alternatives

12. 1. North Hopland alternative 1 – Concept would provide alternative route from North Hopland back into Hopland with an interchange at Henry Station Road..
12. 2. Second alternative does not provide frontage road.
12. 3. Alternative 3 is an expressway that has at-grade crossing at Henry Station Road, Crow Foot, and other areas – multiple accesses at grade.

13. Location

13. 1. Here (Field Station ) and Mendocino Hill Winery are OK – Neutral.
13. 2. Meeting hours are good as is.